

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A handle for use in an automobile to effect a desired operation comprising:

a shaft portion formed of a light emitting material;

a grasp portion formed of said light emitting material and being connected to said shaft portion to permit a manipulative gripping of said handle; and

a first open informational image formed within said grasp portion such that no light emitting material is present within or underlies said first open informational image.

2. (Original Claim) The handle of Claim 1 wherein said shaft portion and said grasp portion form a T-shaped configuration.

3. (Currently Amended) The handle of Claim 2 wherein a second open informational image is also formed in said shaft portion such that no light emitting material is present within or underlies said ~~first~~ second open informational image.

4. (Original Claim) The handle of Claim 3 wherein said first open informational image forms an image of a vehicle with an open trunk with a caricature of a person jumping out of the open trunk, said handle being an emergency trunk release handle.

5. (Original Claim) The handle of Claim 3 wherein said light emitting material is a phosphorescent plastic.

6. (Original Claim) The handle of Claim 5 wherein said shaft portion is formed with a deformable clip member.
7. (Currently Amended) The handle of Claim 5 wherein said shaft portion is formed with an enlarged head portion and a narrow neck portion, having a width dimension narrower than a corresponding width dimension of said head portion, interconnecting said head portion and said grasp portion, said second open informational image being located in said head portion.
8. (Original Claim) The handle of Claim 7 wherein said second open informational image is an arrow pointing toward said grasp portion.
9. (Currently Amended) In a handle mounted on an automobile to effect selective actuation of a latch mechanism, said handle being formed of phosphorescent material and including a shaft portion connected to a grasp portion to facilitate the gripping of said handle to actuate said latch mechanism, the improvement comprising:

open informational images formed in said handle such that no phosphorescent material is present within and does not underlie said open informational images.
10. (Original Claim) The handle of Claim 9 wherein a first said open informational image is formed in said grasp portion.

11. (Original Claim) The handle of Claim 10 wherein a second said open informational image is formed in said shaft portion.
12. (Original Claim) The handle of Claim 11 wherein said shaft portion and said grasp portion are connected to form a T-shape configuration.
13. (Currently Amended) The handle of Claim 12 wherein said handle is an emergency trunk release handle operatively connected to a ~~trunk~~ trunk lid latch mechanism locking said trunk lid to an automobile chassis, said first open informational image forming an image of a vehicle with an open trunk with a caricature of a person jumping out of the open trunk, said second informational image forming an arrow pointing toward said grasp portion.
14. (Original Claim) The handle of Claim 13 wherein said shaft portion is formed with an enlarged head portion, having a deformable clip member formed therein, and a narrow neck portion interconnecting said head portion and said grasp portion, said second open informational image being located in said head portion.

Claims 15 – 20 (Cancelled).

21. (New) A handle for use in an automobile to effect a desired operation comprising:
a shaft portion formed of a light emitting material and including a deformable clip member;

a grasp portion formed of said light emitting material and being connected to said shaft portion to form a T-shaped configuration and permit a manipulative gripping of said handle; and

a first open informational image formed within said grasp portion and a second open informational image formed in said shaft portion such that no light emitting material is present within either said first open informational image or said second open informational image.

22. (New) The handle of Claim 21 wherein said first open informational image forms an image of a vehicle with an open trunk with a caricature of a person jumping out of the open trunk, said handle being an emergency trunk release handle.

23. (New) The handle of Claim 22 wherein said light emitting material is a phosphorescent plastic.

24. (New) The handle of Claim 23 wherein said shaft portion is formed with an enlarged head portion and a neck portion, having a width dimension narrower than a corresponding width dimension of said head portion, interconnecting said head portion and said grasp portion, said second open informational image being located in said head portion.

25. (New) The handle of Claim 24 wherein said second open informational image is an arrow pointing toward said grasp portion.